

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK ARE ANNOUNCED

TUESDAY, DEC. 23 at 6:30 p.m.—Junior High School Choir program directed by Mrs. James.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23 at 6:30 p.m.—Community Carol singing under auspices of the Methodist Church Choir.

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TWO AIRMEN DIED IN WRECK AT 3 A. M. SATURDAY

Collision of an automobile and semi-trailer truck on the highway 7 miles north of Decatur Saturday at 3 a.m. resulted in the death of two Air Force men and the hospitalization of another.

Killed was A-1c John A. Nance, 29 of Rio Frio and A-2c Hilliard B. McLendon of Camden, Ark. Injured was A-2c Walter K. Legg of Quinwood, W. Va. who was driving the 1950 model Cadillac.

Legg is in Rogers Hospital. Bodies of the two killed were taken to Sheppard Air Base in Wichita Falls where all were stationed.

The auto was a complete loss. Patrolman Webster informed us Monday charges would be filed against the driver.

BLOOD DONORS ARE NEEDED FOR JANUARY 13 VISIT

While you are giving to friends and loved ones this Christmas why not pledge a PINT OF BLOOD to a serviceman who may be critically wounded and whose life might be saved by the blood you give.

Out of a population of 16,900 in Wise County only 260 pints of blood have been donated and at least a third of this small number have been repeat donors.

So that only slightly more than 1% of the people in Wise County have given a gift of blood.

Wise County can and should do more than this.

On January 13th, the Red Cross Mobil Unit will be in Decatur at the First Methodist Church from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. The quota for that day is 150 Pints of Blood in order to get this amount of blood at least 200 Donors will have to be pledged because some may be turned down for one reason or another.

A number of people have given both times the Unit has been in Decatur and we are sure they will pledge a third time.

WON'T YOU ADD YOUR PLEDGE FOR JANUARY 13th? It will only take an hour of your TIME—DOCTORS and NURSES will be in attendance to take your blood.

Junior Woman Club will do the recruiting for donors and they are asking your full cooperation in this undertaking. Please call 3701 or 5261 and leave your name, later you will be sent cards for your appointment.

Pledge what may be the finest gift of all.

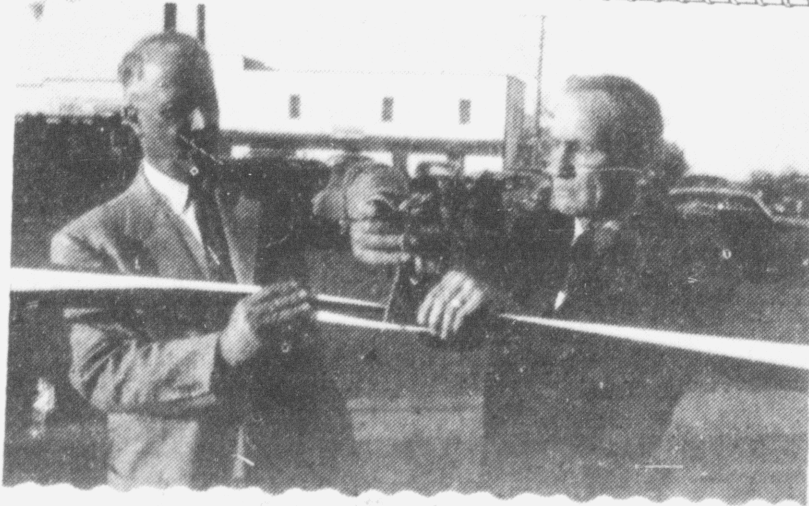
The Messenger Invites—
The Webster Blackboards
to be our guests to see

THE BIG SKY
at the PLAZA THEATRE on Sunday and Monday
(Please exchange this coupon for two tickets at the box office.)

STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS
from The Bible

For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me, and guide me.—(Psalm XXXI, 3.)

Of what benefit or value is the leadership or advice of the wisest and ablest of men if they themselves are without the guidance of God? We know from the Bible that such blessed guidance is not, however, reserved to any one set of men but is available to the least of us who, through righteousness, will make ourselves worthy in the sight of the Lord and seek His help.



These pictures, except the Christmas display, were made at the recent Boyd Highway dedication program.

Top, left, J. H. Finley, district highway engineer and Earl Petty, Boyd banker, share honors cutting the ribbon officially opening the new farm to market highway from Boyd to Azle. Mr. Finley and Jerome Kearby of Decatur spoke briefly in the ceremonies.

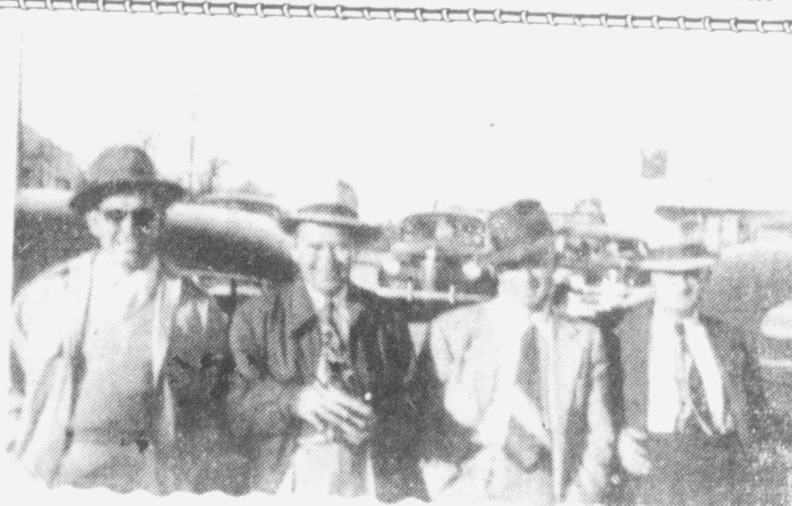
Second from the top on the left are Mr. Petty and C. L. Basham. Mr. Basham was Master of Ceremonies, welcoming the guests and visitors who attended the dedication. Mr. Petty spoke on the program, stating the new road opening completed a project started some 25 years ago. Petty also introduced the speakers on the program, which included W. A. Hughes Jr. for the Commissioners Court.

Third from the top on the left are Mmes. Hall, Dutton, Lawson and Ratliff of the Boyd Business and Professional Womens Club, who sponsored the refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

Lower left are Misses Evelyn Basham, Patsy Tinney and Joan Shiflett, who sang two numbers as a trio. A boys choir also appeared on the program.

Top right are H. M. Mote, C. C. President John T. Dunn, Zack Sensibaugh and C. L. Hull, who were among the big group from Decatur attending the dedication.

Second from the top on right: Highway Patrolman Jack Nobles, who recently completed his training course and is now stationed at Wichita Falls, and Deputy



Sheriff Vernon Greene who were also present.

The lower three photos show three Christmas displays, the top one at the Joe Durbin Home; lower the outside display at the Gordon Renshaws; and the center shows the door display at the Ray Lawsons.

DBC HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OPENS JANUARY 8 FOR THREE DAYS

School Basketball Tournament. The cooperation of the faculty and students of Decatur High School and of the business men and fans of Decatur in helping make the Tournament a success in the past has been appreciated. The same cooperation has already been indicated for this year and because of it another successful Tournament is expected.

There will be other boys and girls teams from Paradise, Decatur, Birdville, Slidell, Bryson, Bridgeport, Granbury, Bowie, Nocona, Alvord, and Boyd. There will be girls teams from Irving, Olney, and Henrietta, and there will be boys teams from Petrolia, Diamond Hill, Handley, and Buckner.

The Tournament will be under the direction of Coach Gene Sunderman of the College. As heretofore both the High school and College Gyms will be used. The first game will be played at 2:00 p. m. in the High School Gym on Thursday, January 2. The opponents will be the girls from Paradise and Decatur. The boys division starts in the College Gym at 3:00 p. m. the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roach and their week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roach and family of Gatesville attended the funeral of Mrs. Tom Bratcher, sister of Mrs. George Roach, in Weatherford Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM TO BRING SANTA TO MORE THAN FIFTY PERSONS

As a preliminary to the Christmas Cheer baskets, children needing clothing, shoes, etc. were outfitted last week end.

The clothing, all new, was good serviceable merchandise

and should last the children as long as clothing and shoes usually do. From undergarments to caps, everything needed to keep the children warm this winter was furnished.

Several local clubs or groups this year sponsored a family, seeing that family had everything for the holiday season from clothing through gifts and eatables. Several of the families, some with as many as ten children, were brought a complete Yuletide greeting in the form which was most needed food and clothing in most instances was furnished by members of the clubs.

The Cheer program has ten families to be remembered this Christmas, with possibly two or three others since this was written Saturday. As usual, groceries, fruit, candy, and staples items were purchased wholesale and are being sacked and grouped today for delivery tomorrow.

Since our story last week contributions of money, clothing and canned goods has been coming in, which will care for the needs of the Xmas boys as well as the clothing which was purchased.

Families on the list were investigated fully and found to be in need of assistance in each mentioned. Clothing for two families, for the children, amounted to \$25.00 and for another boy \$12.00. Costs are so high that even a small amount of wearables costs considerably more than one would think. But that program is followed as far as possible.

Next week we will give a final tabulation of numbers and costs.

And it still isn't too late to contribute, if you will do so. Funds are used through the year for such purposes as mentioned above, and clothing remaining will be used by the program and the Red Cross office to fill needs as demands are received. You send your check or goods to the Red Cross, the Wise County Messenger or to the First National Bank in Decatur.

Fund Contributions:

Mrs. M. L. Noble \$5.00
Mrs. Geo. C. Young \$1.00
Chas. T. Christian \$10.00
Ralph Dodson \$5.00
J. H. Rowan \$5.00
C. P. Dodson \$25.00
Mrs. E. B. Brown \$10.00
Bob Smith \$5.00
W. W. Brown \$5.00
Mrs. Johnnie Hill \$10.00
Methodist Mens class \$50.00
Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Easter \$5.00

Date Changed For Mailing Our Annual Christmas Edition

The greeting section of the Messenger this week is dated the 18th. We printed it last week and thought we would mail it last week. But as Christmas comes on our publication day, we decided to move our paper of the 25th up a couple of days, and we have kept this Christmas day to greet you Xmas eve. That's the reason of the wrong dates.

RAIN TOTALED 1.10 INCHES HERE

Our rain last Thursday night and Friday morn totaled 1.10 inches, which was a very nice shower, which we hope is repeated next week.

The stiff winds for a short while cleaned the leaves from the trees and scattered loose trash around.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Burton of Dallas visited relatives here Sunday.

EARLY AGAIN NEXT WEEK

The Messenger next week will be printed early as next Thursday is New Years Day.

We hope to mail next week's paper on Tuesday as we have this paper this week.

Don't expect much tho, as this is the week when our employees take a weeks vacation and we will have only 2 days to print.

Right now however—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Business Has Been Good In Decatur Stores

The Christmas sales in Decatur have been reported as "Good." Merchants report late buying, with business a little less than last year, but not enough for complaint.

The early season buying was not as great this year as usual, but the late rush has been tremendous, with most all lines selling briskly over the week end.

If you haven't completed your shopping list, try Decatur merchants, who probably still will be able to fill your needs promptly.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE GOES UP 50c ON JANUARY 1st.

January 1 closes the Messenger reduced subscription rates, and all subscribers who plan to renew are urged to do so before the New Year, thereby saving 50c the regular rate.

Those who buy copies of the Messenger will find a distinct saving by subscribing now.

And to the subscribers whose names we failed to include in our mailing list which cause you to miss several issues, we are very sorry and we hope we now have the mailer corrected so everyone receives the Messenger who should.

Don't forget to save the 50c by renewing before Jan. 1, 1952.

★ SHORTS

One shopping day until it is too late!

We peeked in during one of the tree picture shows last week and found an 7-year-old sound asleep. He must have been the snoozer. Anyway, we thought kids always slept during school.

The Christmas Greeting of Charles and Ethel Cates for 1952 is another etching of the Wise County Court House from the northwest corner angle. It's another work of art.

Christmas comes but once a year, but that is enough for most business-people. Crowds last week filled stores and over filled the sidewalks in a last minute effort to fill Xmas shopping lists.

Your attention is called to the many Christmas Greeting ads in this Messenger, with best wishes for the holiday season from various businesses and individuals. Read them.

About the most useless item we know of now is a 1952 calendar.

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TO YOU

whose friendly support has contributed so greatly during the past year, may we extend a cordial and appreciative thanks. May your Christmas be happy and the New Year prosperous.

HENRY LAIRD, Electrical Contractor

RELAX AT YOUR FRIENDLY
PLAZA Theatre
DECATUR
WED. DEC. 24
2 HOURS FAVORITE CARTOONS
AND COMEDIES
Children 25c Plus FREE bag of popcorn!

THURS. AND FRI.
Dec. 25-26
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one day only
BROCO BUSTER
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JOHN LUND • SCOTT BRADY
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THE BIG SKY
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in the epic tradition of "The Covered Wagon," "Cimarron" and "Red River"

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Dec. 28-29
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HOWARD HAWKS
in the epic tradition of "The Covered Wagon," "Cimarron" and "Red River"

TUES. - WED.
DEC. 30 - 31
Knock it off Lover Boy - I got some spuds for you to autograph!
MARIO LANZA
AS THE MOST CONFUSED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
TECHNICOLOR
in MGM's LAFF RIOT
BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE
with JAMES WHITMORE
and DORETTA MORROW
(WMA • DREAMBOAT)
in the comedy "THE LOVER BOY" by PRATER

New Years Eve Midnight SHOW!
DEC. 31
PLAZA THEATRE
11:30 PM.
ABBOTT and COSTELLO
in
TIME OF THEIR LIVES



Engagement of Miss Annella Dunaway Is Announced



CHRISTMAS FEAST... The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey drumstick.

Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robes acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable," in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes—Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.



Greetings

The year-end holidays

bring a welcome pause

in affairs of business

... an opportunity to

put aside daily cares

for a while and share

with friends the hap-

piness and good fellow-

ship of the season.

GREENLEAF FLORIST

S. T. MEDFORD and M. L. CUDE

Impartial survey shows



WHITE SWAN BEST AMONG SIX LEADING COFFEES!

ANNOUNCING

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DUTCH SHULTS.

PROMPT, COURTEOUS SERVICE

YOUR BUSINESS WILL BE APPRECIATED!

JOHNNIE RAMEY

GREETINGS



for the
MERRIEST OF YULETIDES

It is a genuine pleasure at the Holiday Season

to depart from the usual business

routine and wish you and yours

A Merry Christmas

GEO. E. SURBER FURNITURE CO.

DENTON, TEXAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And may the Happiness of the Holiday Season be yours through all the coming—

NEW YEAR



BASSHAM'S BOYD, TEXAS

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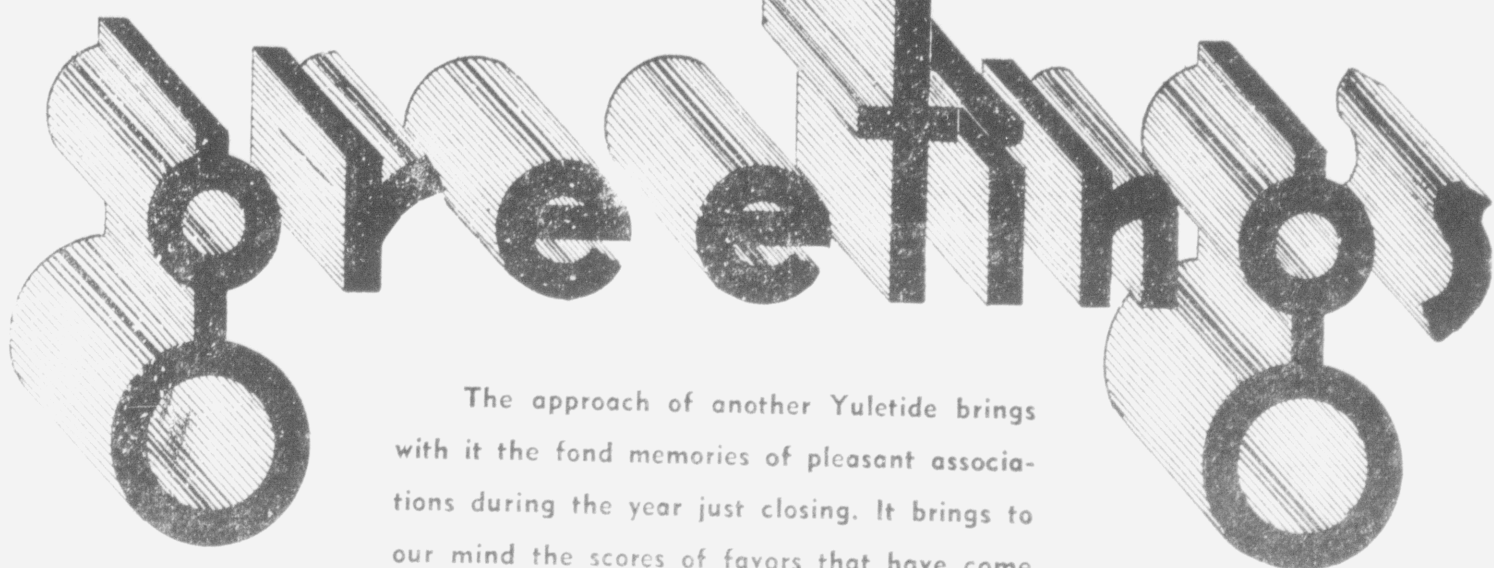
Christmas Season

OUR BEST WISHES ARE
OFFERED TO EACH OF
YOU . . . MAY THIS
CHRISTMAS TRULY BE A
HAPPY ONE.



HOLMES AUTO SUPPLY

CHRISTMAS



The approach of another Yuletide brings with it the fond memories of pleasant associations during the year just closing. It brings to our mind the scores of favors that have come our way and the thoughtfulness back of them. As we pause to observe this glorious and happy occasion, we recall the many enjoyable relationships of the past twelve months.

Indeed, the people of this community have been considerate and we are truly grateful. May lasting happiness be your good fortune in the months to come.

To one and all, Merry Christmas!



A. & J. CLEANERS

Season's Greetings



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Best Wishes

FOR

Christmas

PULLEN

DRY-GOODS



SINCERE appreciation of congenial friendships and pleasant associations come to you with the Season's Greetings and all good wishes for a



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

TEXAS CAFE



Hail

the Christmastide

May it hold for you untold joy and contentment. We would feel that something had been left undone were we to pass up this opportunity of thanking you for all past favors—to express our gratitude for your loyal friendships.

Merry Christmas to you, our friends.

STEVENSON GROCERY

Inseparable at This
Time of the Year

FRIENDS AND CHRISTMAS...

The Christmas season, with all its pleasant traditions, reminds us again of the cordiality and good fellowship that has been ours to enjoy with our legion of friends. Good friends and Christmas combine to make this time of the year the most glorious occasion of them all.

As we extend our best wishes to you, we include our heartfelt thanks for your fine cooperation with us during the past year.

CHRISTIAN FURNITURE STORE

Trombone FOR Paris

By Shirley Sargent

STEVE ROLLED from the bed where Marge slept and started toward the living room. The glow of Christmas tree lights betrayed the children. Young Stevie—there was a boy for you—had one hand in his stocking. Julie was whispering, "Go on, see what's in it." Only Doris, the tall, older one, was quite still.

Paris turned just as Steve said "Merry Christmas," sarcastically.

Young Stevie, with the engaging grin, whipped around, "Hi, daddy. Can we open our presents? It's almost daylight."

"Daylight, my foot—it's barely two."

"But Santa Claus has already been here."

"Bed," Steve commanded. Steve and Julie hugged him, leaving without argument, but there was defiance plain on Paris's face.

"Under the tree, dad, I don't see anything long and sort of curved."

That Paris, an odd one. An eleven-year-old kid wanting a trombone. It beat Steve. "I don't either," he agreed, meeting his son's eyes. "Look, you're too old to believe in Santa Claus, and too young to realize how expensive a trombone is."

Paris looked down at the mounds of gaily wrapped packages. "Okay," he said in a flat, old-sounding voice "so I get a couple of new shirts and Stevie gets..."

"Stevies gets what?"

Paris ground his bare foot into the rug. "Nothin'. I was just talking."

"Good night, son," Steve watched Paris out of the room before he unplugged the tree lights and sank into a worn armchair.

Paris was right. Stevie had everything he'd asked for piled under the tree. Even an electric train. Cost a lot to keep a kid happy these days, but a trombone...

Like the one out in the trunk of the car that was going back to the store first thing Wednesday morning. A man made only so much working in a laundry, trying to save enough to buy a half interest, so Marge went ahead and bought a Trombone without a by-your-leave.

First Paris had to have lessons, then a rented horn to practice on. Now he wanted one of his own. Paris, a funny kid. Never listening to the football games like Julie and even Stevie did. Always wandering off for hikes and bringing home strange, ragamuffin kids. Happy when he could tinker with all radios, happier yet when he could listen to highbrow music. That stuff, Steve didn't understand him and that was a fact. From



"Look, you're too old to believe in Santa Claus."

a distance he heard the voices of carolers and, upstairs, the wavering notes of the rented trombone. That Paris!

EVEN AS STEVE swung up the stairs, to the attic, he heard the sureness in the music. At first Paris had practiced in the attic by request, but Steve had to hand it to him. He had worked hard; two-three hours a day until he could really play. Looking in on him now, Steve saw that the rented instrument gleamed.

"You love to play, don't you?" Steve asked.

A smile the like of which Steve had never seen before crossed his son's face. Then, shyly, "Mr. Baxter wants me to play in the school band."

It was hard to keep his pride from showing, but Steve only said heartily, "That's fine, Paris," before sending him back to bed.

Steve went downstairs, searching under the tree until he found young Stevie's electric train. The box was heavy in his hands as he considered. Toys didn't matter too much to Stevie—he liked active things, in which a father could share.

When Steve came back in from the car, he felt like Santa Claus as he put the shiny leather case that was long and sort of curved under the tree. A trombone for Paris.

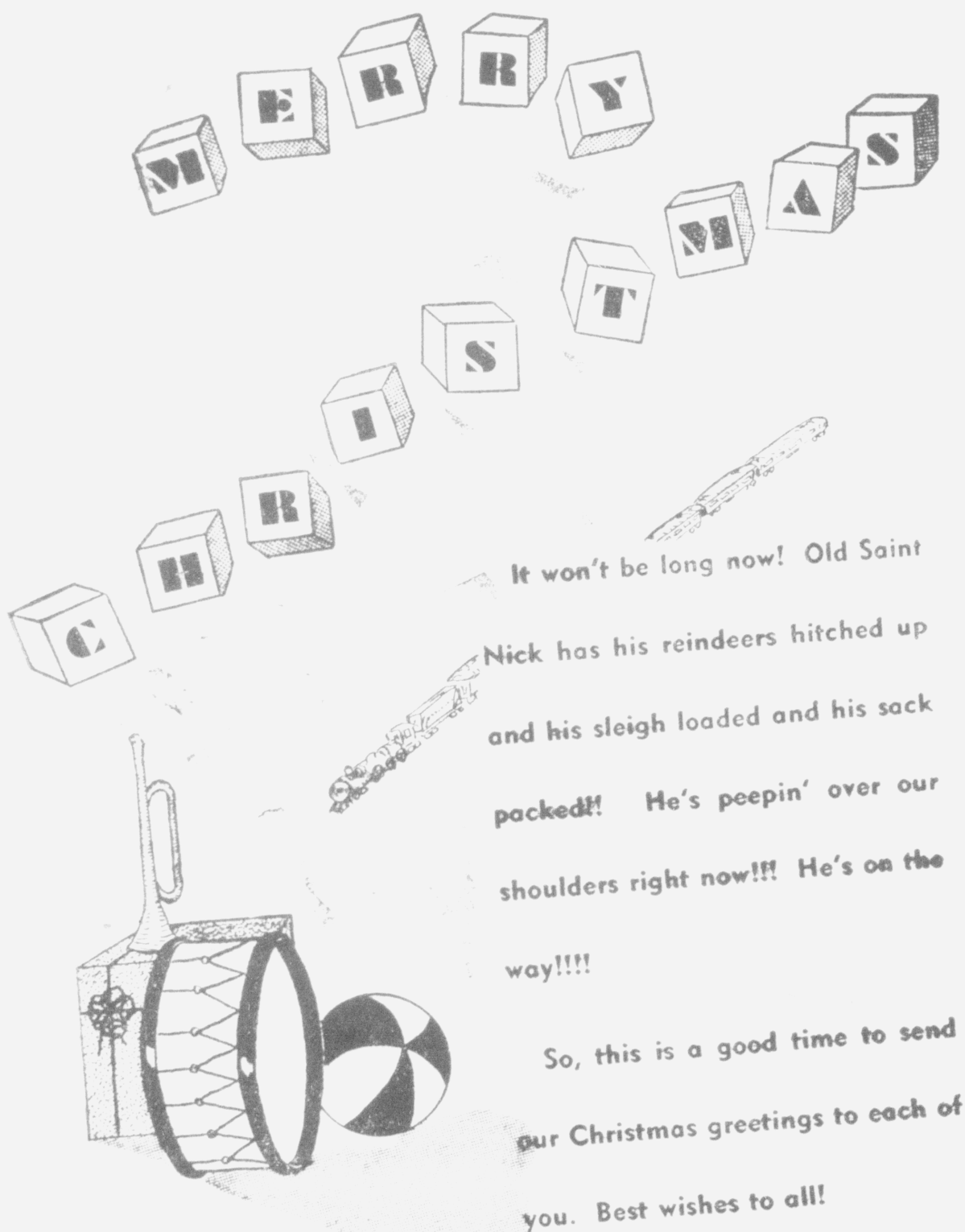


... to make your Christmas brighter and

to let you know that, busy as we are,

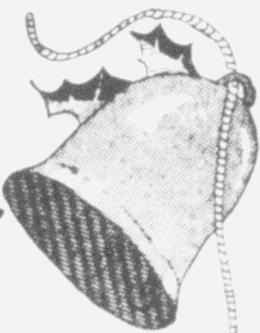
we are still thinking of you.

J. J. RIEGER D. G.



CUMMINGS GULF SERVICE

Christmas



It is our sincere desire that you will spend a most enjoyable Holiday with your family and friends. At Christmas we find it most opportune to thank you for your many past favors and solicit your continued good will.

Perkins-Timberlake

CHRISTMAS



That each of you may enjoy the fullest measure of happiness and prosperity is our Christmas wish to the fine people of this community who have made possible the splendid growth of this organization. Whatever degree of success we have attained, we attribute to the splendid goodwill of our friends.

CICERO-SMITH
LUMBER CO.
Decatur, Texas

GREENINGS

Christmas in January

By Lorna Boone

NEVVY WISHED his worn shoes wouldn't make so much noise on the cobblestoned alley. In the darkness, he saw the discarded Christmas tree standing tall beside a trash barrel and even the rank odors of the alley couldn't drown out the faint fragrance of pine needles.

Nevvy shivered, taking his hands from the dubious protection of his pockets to pull his one mitten on. The tree, his tree! (Just as he hefted it, he heard a shout.)

For an eleven-year-old Nevvy was fast, but the shout came again and then hard, pounding steps. Then, abruptly, he stopped as a large hand grasped his shoulder.

The grip on Nevvy's thin shoulder tightened as a loud voice demanded, "Where're you going with our tree?"

Nevvy twisted around to face a husky boy in a letterman's sweater. "You threw it out."

"Does that mean you can take it? You alley kids start in young."

"It wasn't stealing," angrily, Nevvy heard his voice shake. "Tomorrow the trash man would have got it."

The light from a neon sign spotlighted them. "You are young," the boy said, letting him go.

"Thirteen," Nevvy spoke quickly.

"Don't lie," the older boy countered sharply. "Look, this is my tree . . ."

"All right, so I'm eleven and I know it's your tree."

"But today's the third of January," the boy said, in a friendlier voice.

Nevvy wanted to say "You couldn't understand," but then he looked at the tree, still green and fragrant even if the needles were shattering, and spoke carefully. "We haven't had Christmas at our house yet and . . . and we need a tree."

"That's tough," the boy said, "how come?"

"Reasons."

"Tell me why or I won't give you this tree."

NEVVY let the tree go, watched it rock back and forth on its standard, and, thinking of his mother, hardened his voice. "Reason we didn't have a tree is we couldn't afford it. No job for my

dad, no dough. And the reason we didn't have any Christmas sooner was because of my mother. She was in the hospital having a baby. Then they let my mother come home, right before New Year's, 'cause there wasn't anybody to keep care of the little kids 'cept me when my dad was job hunting." "Tell me the rest," the boy said. "Not much to tell. Only the hospital kept the baby 'cause it's pre-



Just as he hefted it, he heard a shout. Someone was coming down the path.

mature and they aren't sure it's going to live. But the little kids—there's five of them—we promised them Christmas and we're gonna have it. I was going to take this tree home for a starter. Me and my dad have been making presents, but, my gosh, you gotta have a tree! Even they know that."

The boy was quiet a long time. Then, "Your brothers and sisters still believe in Santa Claus?"

"Oh sure. I gave them a story about Santa Claus waiting until my mother got home to come to our house. They're beginning to wonder though."

"Listen," the boy's voice was eager, "let me be Santa, will you? We have a suit I could wear with some pillows. How about it?"

Nevvy felt the boy's enthusiasm. "Sure," he answered, off-handedly.

Nevvy knew then that the boy really wanted to do it. "Heck no," he said sincerely, "they'll love it. Look, I'll give you the address and you come down in an hour—I'll leave the toys outdoors for your pack. Oh, and I'll have the window—the front one—open for you. I'll take me awhile to get the tree up."

"Swell," the boy sounded excited.

"Merry Christmas," Nevvy called after him and picked their Christmas tree up, not caring how much noise his shoes made as he ran down the alley.



IN THE MELLOW MOOD OF THE

May the generosity and good will that is so evident at Christmas remain with you throughout the coming year. You have been friendly and considerate with us and in return we wish for you a Christmas Season unsurpassed for happiness.

Compliments of the season to each of you!

Flusche Bros.

MOTOR SALES 3161—PARTS & SERVICE 3171

An Electric Christmas to You...



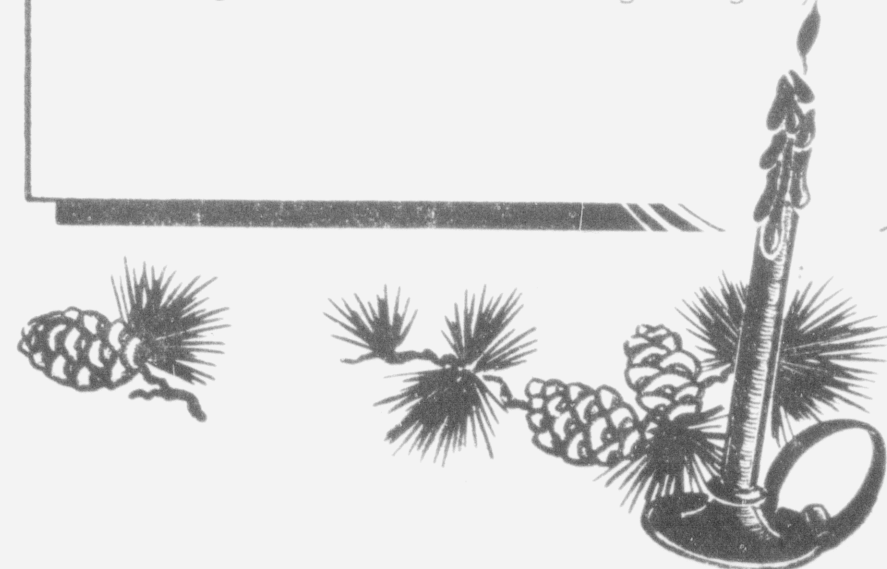
means a Happy New Year, too!

WANT to bestow gifts that will be most deeply appreciated? Then be an electrified Santa and give the gifts that bring the jewel of leisure time and the luxury of service. Give an electric range—so cool, so clean, so automatic. Economical to operate, too—so Mother will be merry about her baking—and her budget! Or, with an electric laundry, she can forget about blue skies and blue Mondays. Radio, television, electric mixers, roasters, toasters—they are all the gifts of electricity to bring the happiest of holidays and a great New Year.

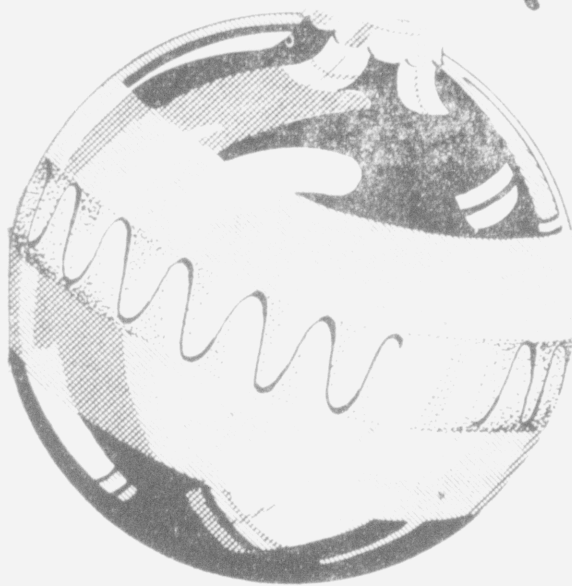
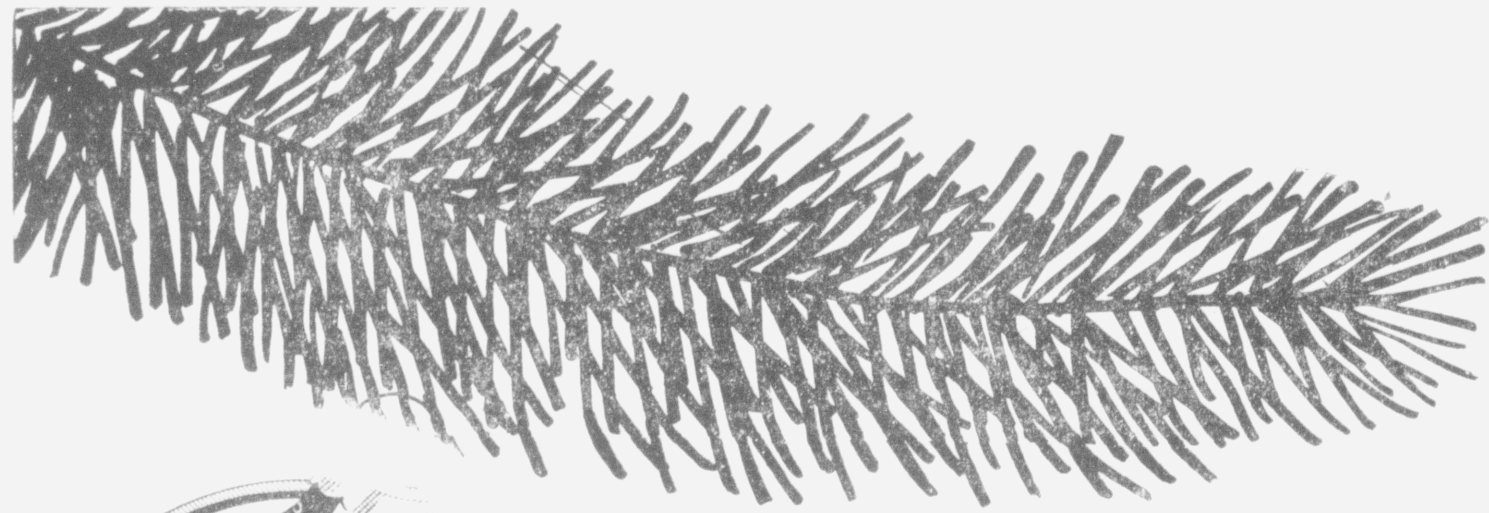
TEXAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

AT THIS HOLY AND FESTIVE SEASON . . .

Let us be thankful for the countless blessings granted to us—for the many, many courtesies and favors. Let us accept with all humility that measure of prosperity which has been given us. And, above all, let us face the future with a full and growing confidence. This is our greeting to you.



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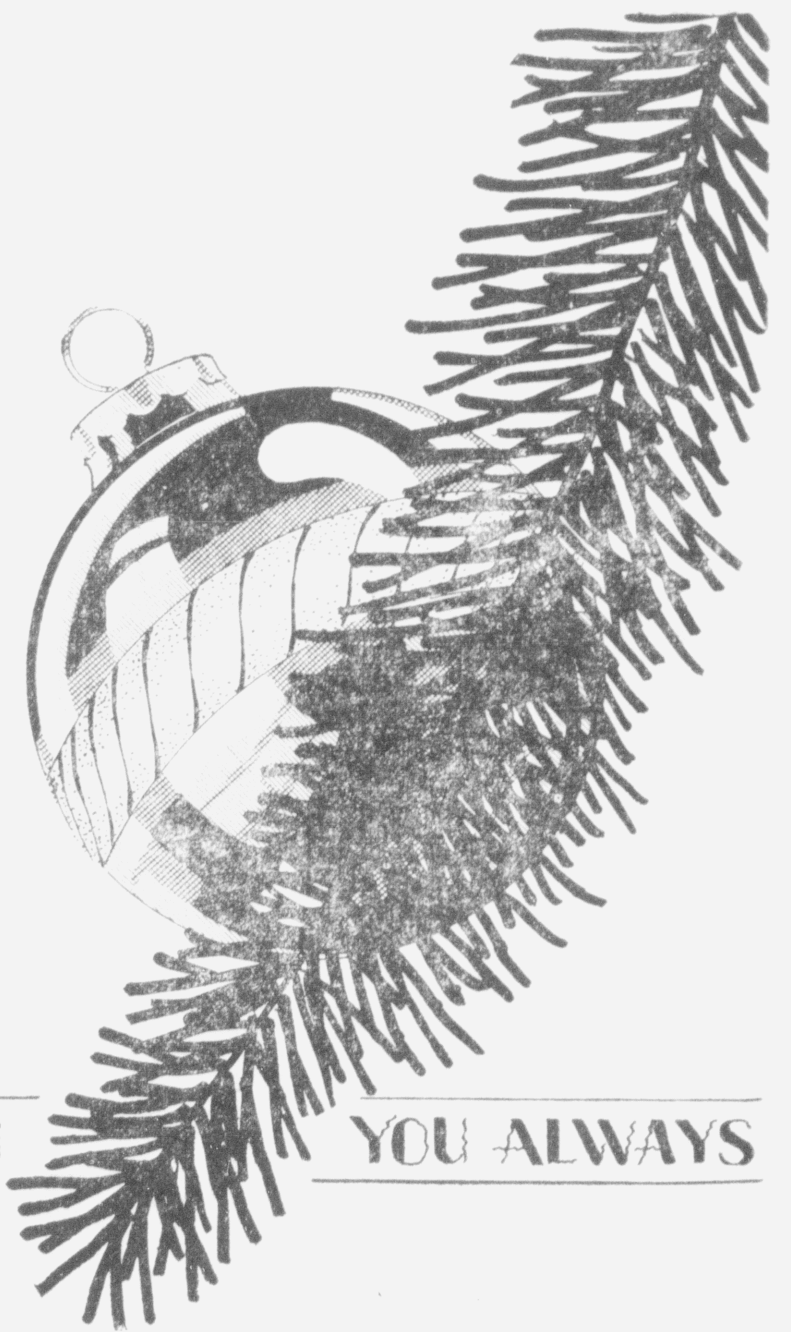


MERRY CHRISTMAS

That grand old day is here again and we're glad! Christmas, with its warm cordiality and good fellowship, is a very welcome occasion to all of us. It is good to be among loved ones and friends, to enjoy their associations, to have a genuine feeling of contentment, free from the troublesome problems that confront us in our daily tasks.

Christmas gives us that one special occasion in which we can, in some manner, express our appreciation for the good will and consideration of those whom we serve. We are grateful throughout the year, of course, but at Christmastime, when the year is just closing, we deem it particularly appropriate to think back over the preceding year, and to recall the many pleasant moments that make up the important things of life.

And so, with our Christmas sentiment of good wishes, we add a hearty and genuine thank you for your friendships and good will.



MAY THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS REMAIN WITH

YOU ALWAYS

DECATUR TELEPHONE CO.

Wise County Messenger

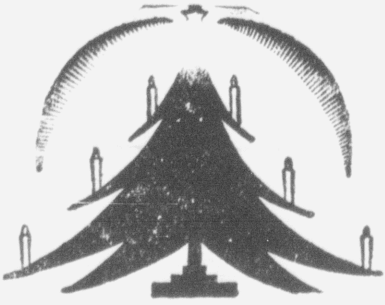
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Of The Season

MAY EVERY JOY AND HAPPINESS BE WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS AND EACH DAY OF THE COMING YEAR. MAY IT BE GENEROUS IN ITS BENEFITS TO YOU, IS OUR SINCERE WISH.

SERVING YOU IN THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A PLEASURE WE HOPE TO CONTINUE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE IN WAYS THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CONVENIENCE AND REQUIREMENTS. WE TRUST WE MAY HAVE MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN YOUR WELFARE.

To You

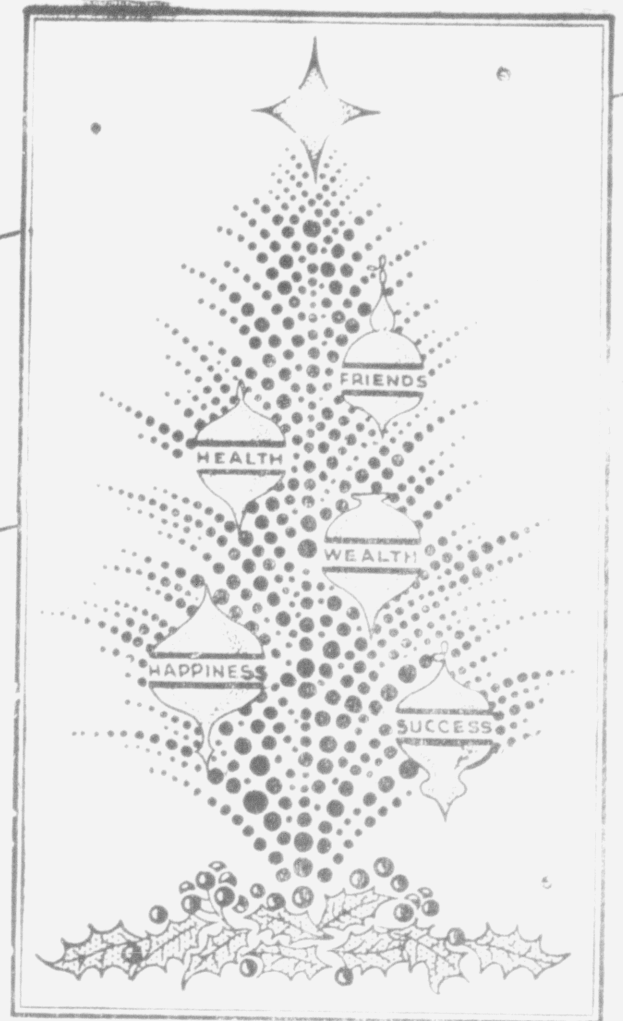
ONE AND ALL
BLACK IMPLEMENT COMPANY

THIS IS OUR WISH FOR YOU

Every business, regardless of size or type; every individual, is dependent upon someone else for support and existence. Our business is dependent upon our many loyal friends who have favored us in scores of ways during the past year.

It may have been through your patronage . . . it may have been a kind word of cheer . . . or it may have been an expression in our behalf to some friend of yours . . . but, in whatever way you may have favored us, we are thankful.

It is our hope that each of you may receive the blessings of a joyous Yuletide Season.



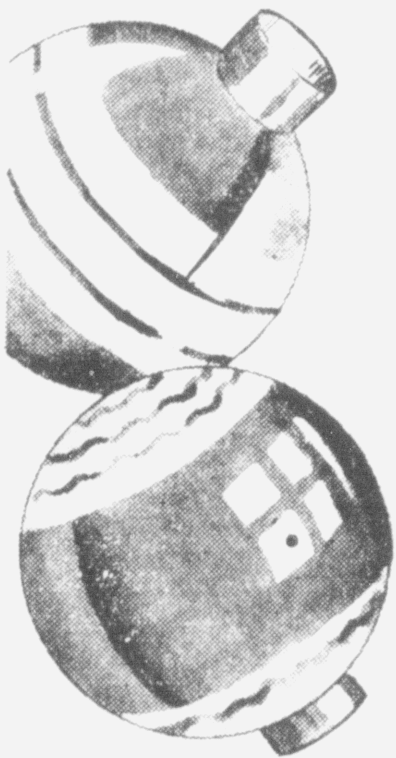
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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E'VE searched everywhere to find some new way of expressing our greetings to you. Each selection we made was discarded and each time we came back to the old reliable, "Merry Christmas". It just fits the occasion perfectly and we see no reason to change it or to use any other expression.

So when we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" please remember that it is expressed with all the sincerity and appreciation we can think of for your loyalty and consideration in the past.



*A Merry
Christmas*

RENFRO DRUG COMPANY



Wishing All Our Friends
A Merry Christmas
And A Prosperous
New Year

CHRISTION FUNERAL HOME



BURRESS FEED COMPANY

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

It's good to come again to that Season of the year when old acquaintances are renewed, when new friendships are born, when the serenity of Christmas joins the whole world with one predominating thought — the Fellowship of Man.



So we send to you, our friends and neighbors, a hearty Christmas wish that this may be the happiest Yuletide of them all, and that the New Year may bring with it, Peace, Joy and Prosperity.

*May Santa Remember
You Well at This
Christmastime*



J. H. DURBIN MOTOR CO.



GREETINGS

EIGHTER FROM DECATUR CAFE

EXTRA GREETINGS EDITION **EXTRA**

SANTA DUE IN TOWN!



Merry Christmas

J. W. Burton Motor Co.

**Merry
Christmas**



Greetings

May we extend to you and your loved ones, your friends and associates, our good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

We want to add to these simple greetings our heartfelt thanks for the cooperation and friendship extended to this organization. This relationship is important to us and we trust that we may continue to merit its continuance.

PINKERTON GROCERY

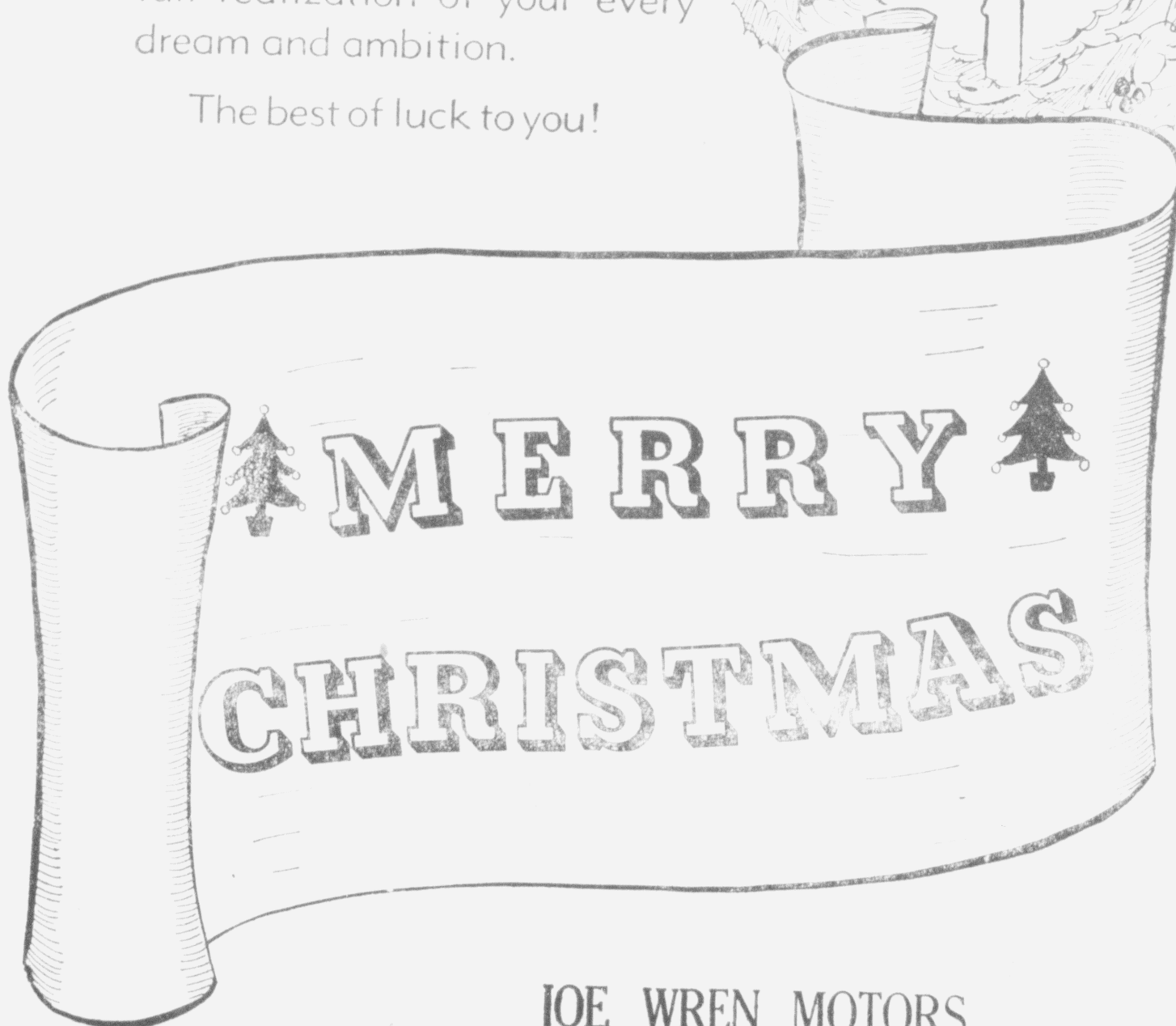
A CHRISTMAS
of
**GENUINE
HAPPINESS**

Gratefully and sincerely we express to
you our best wishes for the
Christmas season. We are indeed thankful
for the friendships
of those about us and the
happiness that has come to us as a
result of these associations.
May this Christmas favor you with a season
of genuine happiness and content.

R. B. TAYLOR BUTANE GAS

Here's our greetings again,
and we're including all the
good things we can think of
for you and yours. May it be
a season of true happiness, a
time in which you will see the
full realization of your every
dream and ambition.

The best of luck to you!



JOE WREN MOTORS

Chrysler-Plymouth

Season's

Greetings
*And
The Best
of Good Wishes*

As Christmas is here we bring
you a wish for every joy and gladness
and a thank you for everything.

LEE GROCERY & MARKET

A Good Christmas Is a Happy Christmas

It is our Yuletide wish
that you will spend a most
exciting Christmas, one
that contains an immeas-
urable amount of good
cheer—May it be for you a
good Christmas and a
happy one.



BUTTRILL & TERRELL
GENERAL INSURANCE
DECATUR TEXAS

RAN KNELT beside the deep fire-
place, built by his great-
grandfather, to stir the coals. As
a boy he had risked burning him-
self to pop corn in a frying pan;
now they had a long-handled pop-
per. The angry surge of wind re-
assured him in a strange way. He
was at home. Safe and protected.
If only Hilda could share his feel-
ing for this place . . .

He leaned on his heels, whis-
tling, as the kernels began to pop.



"I wish you'd let me help,"
Hilda said.

"I wish you'd let me help,"
Hilda said. "Bridget sent me in
with a bowl, salt and butter."

Ran moved aside, finding it nat-
ural for Hilda to kneel and work
beside him. Her eyes sparkled and
her face was flushed in the fire-
light, but Ran missed his chance
to ask if she were happy when
Bridget summoned them to string
popcorn.

Gloria held up a string of pop-
corn. "Not half so pretty as tin-
sel."

"Means more," Bridget said.
"Seems like popcorn strings have a
special beauty—the kind you can't
buy."

Soon the Christmas tree was fes-
tooned with strings of popcorn and
cranberries. It looked beautiful to
Ran even before they moved pres-
ents underneath. He caught the
satisfaction on everyone's face,
though Gloria still looked cynical.

Just then Hilda rushed out of the
room and went upstairs. When she
came back, she paused half-shyly
in the doorway, an accordion in her
arms. "I thought you'd have a
piano and, now that the radio's off,
maybe you'd like some carols? It's
been such a perfect evening."

Ran knew then, as he guided her
into the circle and saw the family
make way for her, that Hilda was
one of them and his voice rose ex-
ultantly in "O Come All Ye
Faithful."



By Anne O'Sullivan

HESITANT but determined,
Ransome had brought his
fiancee, Hilda, home for Christmas
to his parents' mountain ranch.
Now, on Christmas Eve, Bridget,
his young school-teaching sister,
and Gloria, his white-collar sister,
sat in the pine-paneled living
room, admiring the yet undecor-
ated Christmas tree. And Hilda
seemed to be getting along par-
ticularly well with Gloria, the am-
bitious, the contemptuous sister
whose city veneer denied her
mountain heritage.

He was the first to stir from the
surprising but comfortable dark.
"I'll take care of it, Ma," he called
toward the kitchen, "probably just
a blown out fuse."

"Wouldn't you know it?" Gloria's
voice rose sharply, complainingly.

Pa, armed with a lantern,
stamped in the back door, shed-
ding snow as he shook his heavy
jacket off. "Brrr, a real snow-
piling easterner, but the animals
are all right."

"Did you check the fuse box,
Pa?" Ran asked.

"Not much use—the wind prob-
ably took care of a transformer.
What's the matter boy? When you
were living at home we didn't
even have electricity."

"Yeah, well, we still got plenty
lanterns around?"

"Long as we got horsensense,
we'll keep the lanterns ready," it
was Ma's turn to laugh. "Likely
our lights'll be off two-three more
times this winter."

"We can't trim the tree, Pa,
when the light string won't work,"
Gloria sounded petulant, dissatis-
fied. Was Hilda disappointed too?
Ran wondered.

"Remember the times we
trimmed the tree with popcorn
balls and all?" Bridget asked.
"Let's do it tonight, shall we, Ma?"

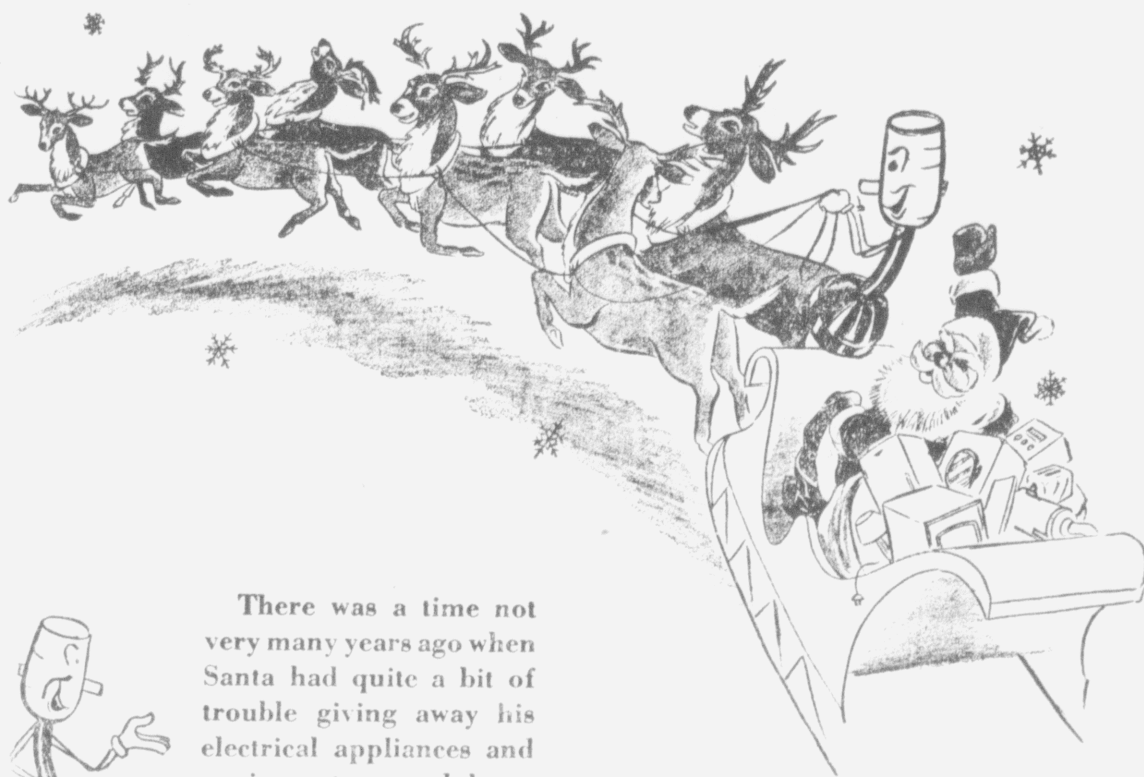
"Why of course, Pa and I'd get
a sight of pleasure out of that.
How about you, Hilda?"

"I'd like to help." To Ran she
sounded enthusiastic, but maybe
it was just politeness.

"A sight more work too," Gloria
pointed out. "Why you won't
move . . ."

"I'll need another lantern for the
kitchen, Pa, if I'm to string cran-
berries," Bridget interrupted zest-
fully.

Times Have Changed



There was a time not
very many years ago when
Santa had quite a bit of
trouble giving away his
electrical appliances and
equipment around here.
Few farms had the life-
blood of Willie, the Wired
Hand—electric power.

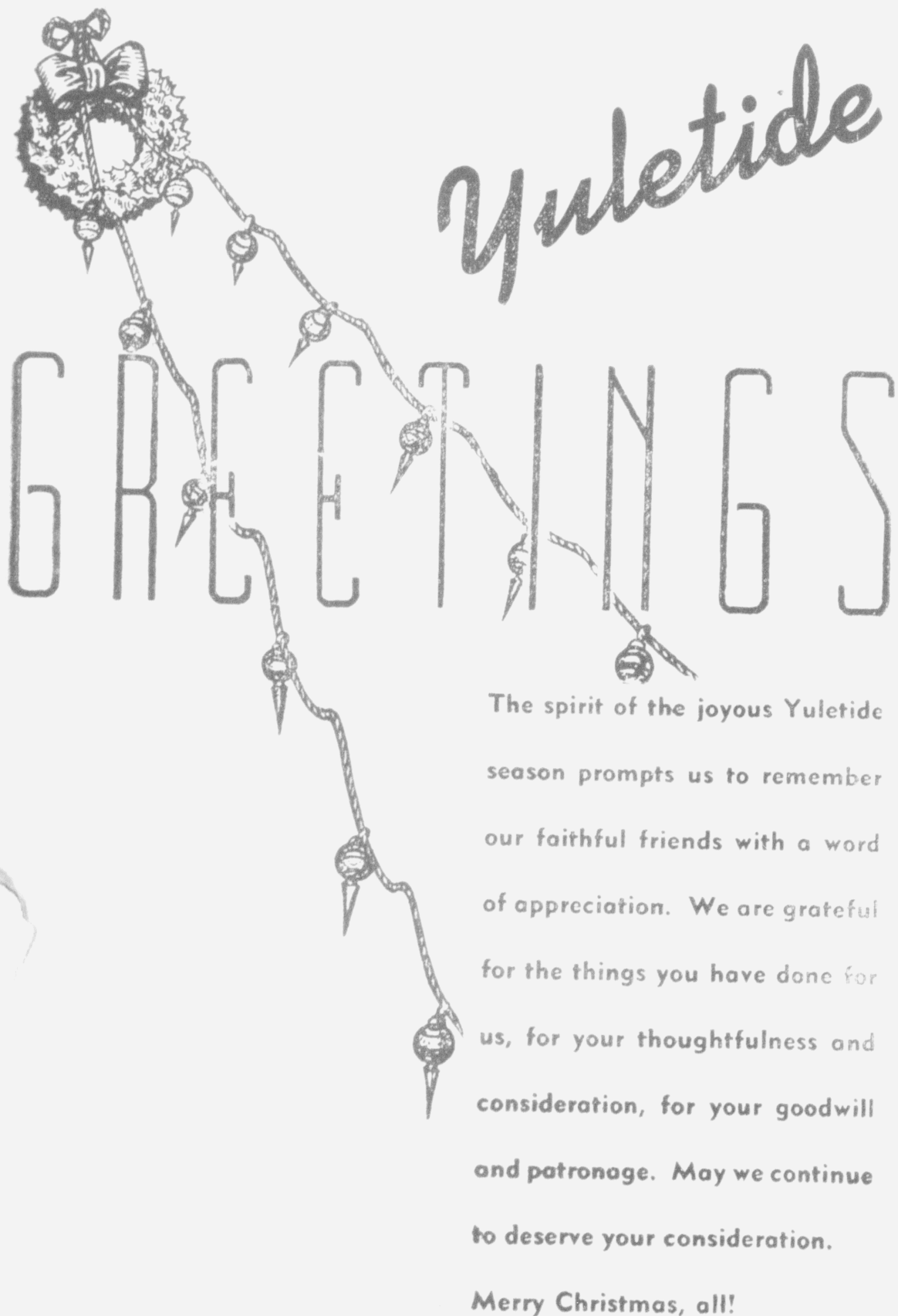
Times have changed. Santa can now
drop off those stoves, refrigerators,
vacuum cleaners, irons and other tools
of modern living almost anywhere in
this area. Willie, the Wired Hand, is
ready to take over just about any new
chore on Christmas morning. And he

can be counted on to keep at it through-
out all of the new years to come.

As a locally-owned, locally-controlled
business with its roots and heart right
here, we're mighty proud of the help
we've given Santa. And we surely ap-
preciate all of the help and friendship
this community has given us. We can
put our heart into it when we wish you
all the season's very best.



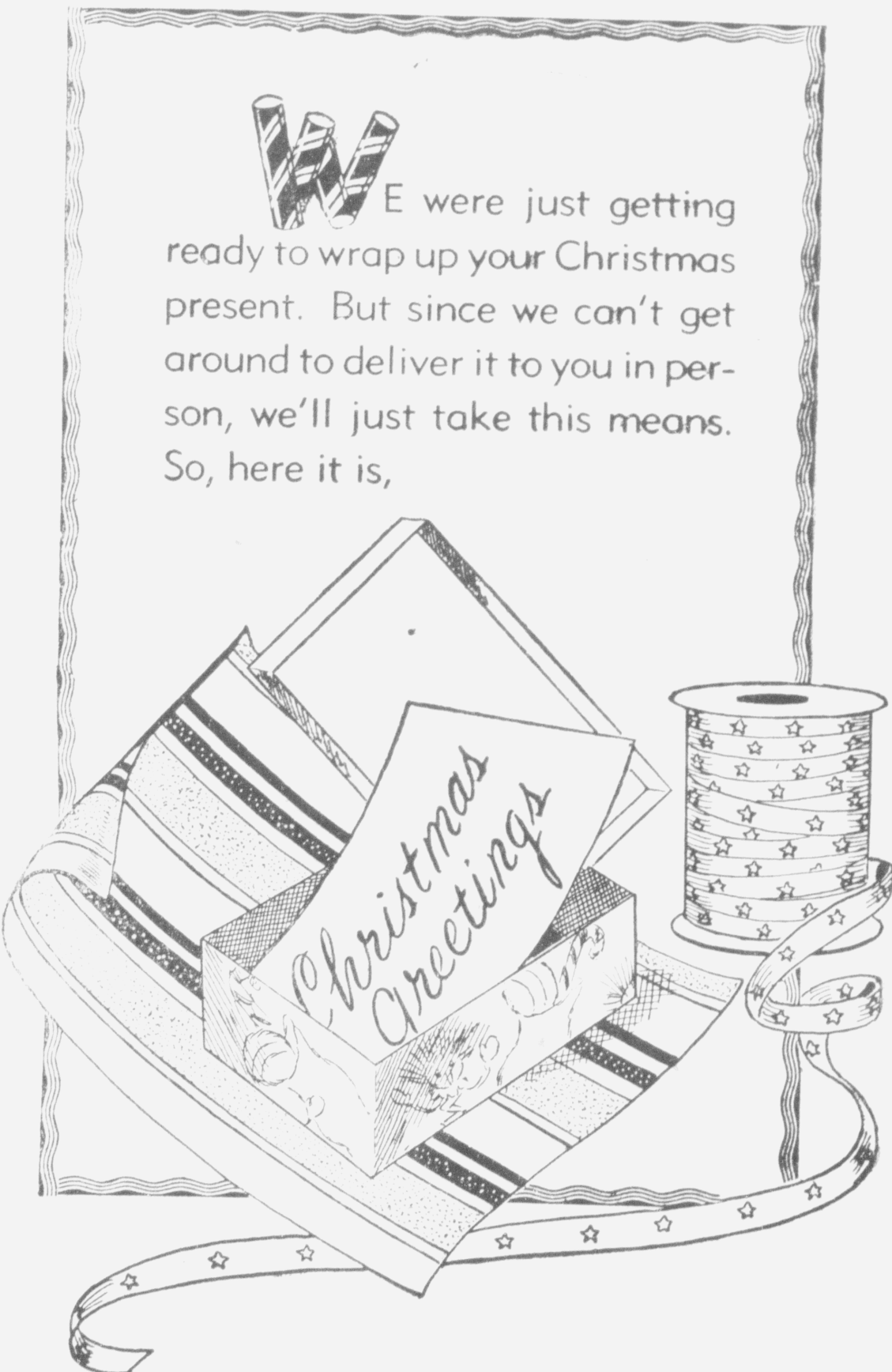
WISE ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.



The spirit of the joyous Yuletide
season prompts us to remember
our faithful friends with a word
of appreciation. We are grateful
for the things you have done for
us, for your thoughtfulness and
consideration, for your goodwill
and patronage. May we continue
to deserve your consideration.

Merry Christmas, all!

MABRY'S FURNITURE

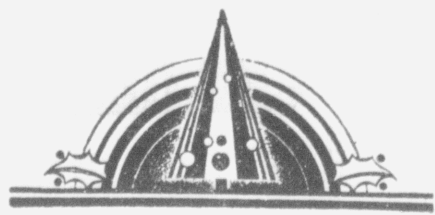


WE were just getting
ready to wrap up your Christmas
present. But since we can't get
around to deliver it to you in per-
son, we'll just take this means.
So, here it is,

C. D. SHAMBURGER LUMBER CO.

Frank Jordan, Manager

Merry Christmas!



We cherish the thoughts of the fine friendships that have been ours in the past and we desire to take this means of expressing our genuine thanks for your courtesies.

We wish you the best of good things for Christmas and the New Year.

DUNN HARDWARE

CHRISTMAS



brings to each of us an appreciation of those fine friendships and memories which make life worth living. And so at this glad Holiday Season, we extend to you our cordial greetings and wish for you both health and happiness throughout all the coming year.



WISE COUNTY ROOFING COMPANY

Merry Christmas

May Christmas bring you many joys and may all you wish for come true. This is our Yule wish for you.

CITY PHARMACY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May yours be extra jolly to reward you for the fine friendships, our wish for you on this gala day.



RENSHAW IMPLEMENT CO.

Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or cornucobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

Burial Place of Santa Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty-stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.



TIME OUT . . . Santa Claus pauses in his Christmas Eve visits sometimes to pick up a hot dog and ice cream cone at an all-night hamburger stand.

The Soft Glow
of the
Yuletide
Candles . . .



lights the way for us to wish you a wondrous

Christmas abundant with health, happiness

and prosperity. And may we include in our

greeting our sincere thanks for your patronage

of the past year.

BLANKENSHIP DRUGS

At This
Radiant Season
of Good Cheer--

WHEN GOOD FELLOWSHIP

AND KIND THOUGHTS ARE

IN ABUNDANCE, WE SINCERELY

EXTEND TO YOU OUR

HOLIDAY GREETINGS.



Messenger, Decatur, Tex., Thursday, Dec. 25, 1952 11



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OUR GOOD FRIENDS IN
THIS COMMUNITY.

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Merry Christmas

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!

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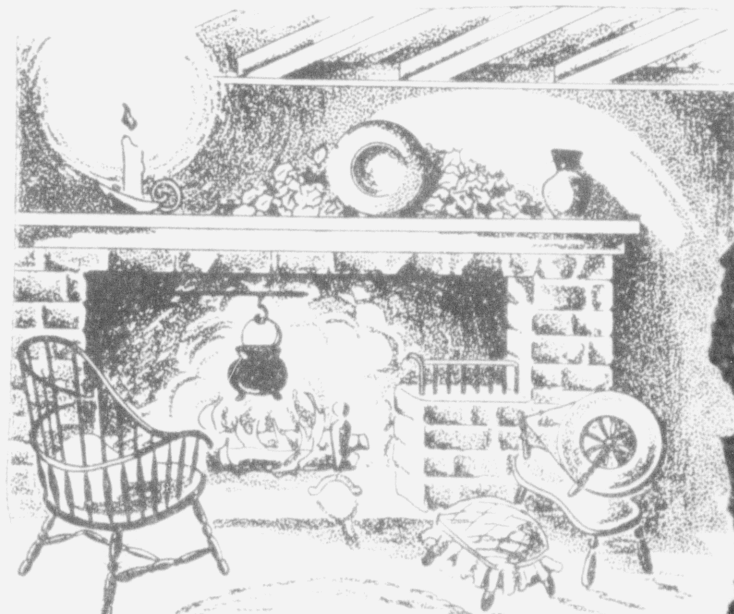
It is our earnest wish

that all that is good

shall be yours in the coming

Christmas Season.

GUY HORNER HARDWARE



May your **FUTURE** be as satisfying

as a HOLIDAY EVENING
WESTERN AUTO STORE

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Merry Christmas

In extending our greeting to you, we'd be neglecting something mighty important if we failed to include a word of appreciation for the friendly cooperation and sincere good will of those we serve —

We say at once "Merry Christmas" and "Thank You"

DICO FOOD STORE

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 4 Wheel wagon trailer with sideboards, good tires. Bargan — Black Implement Co., Decatur

FOR SALE — Dressed turkeys, dressed on Mondays. Charley Rann, phone 6336. tfe

FOR SALE — House and lot on Miller Street, Decatur, Texas \$2,800.00. See Leck Henry on Saturday morning. Place is free of all debt. 2tp

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FOR SALE — Cash for all kinds of used furniture and house hold articles. If you want to sell it, "see Speed" Bargain Store tfe

FOR SALE — See the Eisenhower Inauguration envelope engraved with the picture and stamped with the "Executive" stamp to be serviced from Washington, D. C. Post Office Jan. 20, 1953. Displayed in Burkes Jewelry show window at 50c each.

FOR SALE — Late 51 Chevrolet pickup, 8,000 miles. Harley Atkinson, route 1, Decatur, Texas. 1tp

FOR SALE — 9 good Jersey milk cows, ages 2 to 6 yrs. Some fresh, some fresh 40 to 60 days, some milking good now. Will not sell part. Price \$150.00 per head. Negative Bangs test. B A Newberry, Hastings, Okla. 2tp

FOR SALE — Nice Collie pups can be seen on mornings except Saturday and Sunday. they can be seen any time during the day. Jane Hoyle, 8 College St., phone 5024.

MISCELLANEOUS

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RAN KNELT beside the deep fireplace, built by his grandfather to stir the coals. As

SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2
DEVOTIONAL READING: Jeremiah 23:1-8

Gifts to Christ

Lesson for December 28, 1952

WHAT the world brings to Christ is never to be compared with what Christ brings the world. Not all the Christmas gifts that ever were, including those given to the cause and in the name of Jesus, equal a small part of the value of Jesus himself to the world. Nevertheless, ever since the time of the wise men from the east, gifts have been brought and laid at the feet of Christ, in one way or another.

Wisdom

Many treasures of wisdom, through these 19 centuries, have been poured out for the Master's service. Not that men can make God wise; but the wisdom and learning of mankind can be, and have been, put at the disposal of Christ and his cause. To take one fact alone: the translation of the Bible into hundreds of languages throughout the world. The work of translating can never stop, because languages keep changing; the English and the French of this century are not the same as they were centuries ago, and Bibles translated for those times become hard to understand in our day.



Dr. Foreman

Not that a new English translation is needed every few years; but somewhere, all the time, into some language or other, this work is being carried on. It is no simple job; a translator must not only know Greek and Hebrew, but also, and very thoroughly, the language into which he translates. Most good translations are made by groups, for many heads are better than one, at this work.

Wealth

Think what a difference it would make, if suddenly every Christian in the world decided that the Lord's work could get along just as well without being offered another cent. No new churches would be built; existing churches would fall into decay because no one would pay for their repair (and free labor wouldn't do it because that too is a form of wealth). Home and foreign missions would come to an end. Christian schools, hospitals and colleges would close down. No Christian books of any kind could be printed. Radio religious broadcasts would cease, because there would not be any one to pay for them, and even the "free" time, which always costs the station something, could no longer be offered.

From Each His Own

Christianity is today an international religion, though it started off as the religion of a few Asiatic Jews. But Jesus was scarcely out of his cradle before those men of the East came, and they were the first of a long line from every nation and race in the world.

In America we think of Christianity as almost an American religion; but it is not. Americans have brought much to Christianity, — their energy, daring, pioneering spirit, their practical slant on everything, — these have given to Christianity in North America a "color" and a "style" all its own.

But we are not the only Christians, perhaps not even the best ones. There are Indian Christians, and Chinese Christians; there are Christians among the Eskimos and Zulus. There is some Christianity behind the Iron Curtain; it is found in Scotland, Sweden, Spain, El Salvador.

And while we are all brothers under the skin, the fact remains that it takes all kinds of Christians to make the Christian world, and to make the world Christian. Our missionaries do not go out to make American Christians; they go to make Christians. And every one who comes to Christ brings something which is specially his own. As Rev. John Monsell's ball

"Fear not to enter His the slenderness Of the poor wealth reckon as the Truth in its its tenders These Hi (Ce Chris of the State, Fe

cery & Market for appointment

Wanted Young lady or gentleman as assistant book-keeper at Amarillo. — Tom W. Carpenter Box 888 Amarillo, Texas

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LOST — Yellow Persian cat, answers to name Rusty. Phone 5621. 1tp

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A little package

but a **BIG** wish



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A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

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BEGINNING DECEMBER 30, 1952

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"I'll need another lo. Kitchen, Pa. if I'm to su berries," Bridget interrupted fully.



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When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, headaches, dizziness and loss of pep and energy. Don't suffer restless nights with these discomforts if reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages. Don't neglect your kidneys if these conditions bother you. Try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. Used successfully by millions for over 50 years. While often otherwise caused, it's amazing how many times Doan's gives happy relief from these discomforts—helps the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

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